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SUBJECT: USINFO: KUWAIT FIRM BUYS U.S. JET

1. THE JASIM AL-WAZZAN EXPORT-IMPORT COMPANY, A KUWAIT FIRM WITH WIDELY DIVERSIFIED BUSINESS INTERESTS, HAS PURCHASED AN AMERICAN DC-8 JET CARGO LINER, PROBABLY MAKING IT THE ONLY PRIVATE BUSINESS IN THE WORLD TO OWN SUCH A LARGE AIRPLANE. THE DC-8, WHICH IS MANUFACTURED BY THE DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT CORPORATION OF LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, IS A LONG-RANGE AIRCRAFT CAPABLE OF FLYING 8,500 MILES (13,600 KMS) NON-STOP.

2. AMERICAN PILOT ROBERT COX, THE LEADER OF THE TWO AMERICAN FLIGHT CREWS WHO HAVE BEEN HIRED TO OPERATE THE AIRCRAFT, STATED THAT THE AIRPLANE WILL BE USED IN THE AL-WAZZAN COMPANY'S EXPORT-IMPORT BUSINESS TO TRANSPORT, FOR EXAMPLE, PERISHABLE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FROM LEBANON TO THE KUWAIT MARKET, TO IMPORT FRESH MUTTON FROM NEW ZEALAND AND THE SUDAN, AND TO PERFORM SIMILAR TRANSPORTATION CHORES FOR THE COMPANY.

3. THE DC-8 ARRIVED IN KUWAIT MAY 1 AND IS EXPECTED TO TRAVEL ABROAD THREE-TO-FOUR TIMES A WEEK ON COMPANY BUSINESS.

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